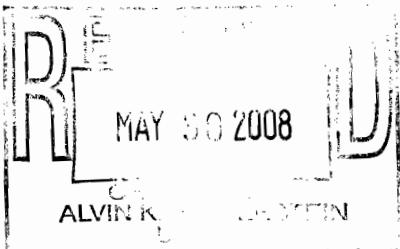
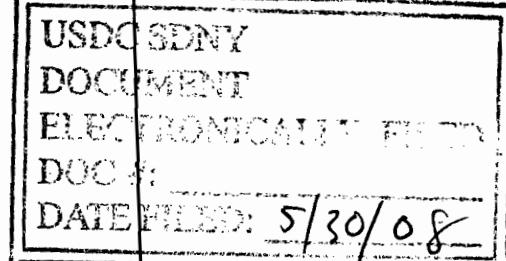


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Re: McDermott, Will & Emery LLP v. St. Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York, Civ. No. 1:07-cv-09818 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

We represent Appellee/Cross-Appellant The Creditors Committee of Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York in the above-referenced bankruptcy appeal, and we also write on behalf of Appellee/Cross-Appellant Saint Vincents Catholic Medical Centers of New York (together, the "Appellees"). We write in response to the May 19, 2008 letter from counsel for the Appellant/Cross-Appellee McDermott Will & Emery LLP (the "Appellant") concerning the length of the opening brief filed by Appellant on May 16, 2008.

The Appellees do not take a position with respect to Appellant's *ex post facto* request for a waiver of Local Rule 7.1(b)'s 25-page limit and for permission to file its 49-page brief. The Appellees note that, if the Court orders the Appellant to file a brief that complies with the 25-page limit, an adjustment to the current briefing schedule would be appropriate so as to permit the Appellees sufficient time to prepare their opposition to the brief that is filed.

On the other hand, if the Court is prepared to accept the Appellant's brief in its current form, the Appellees request that, in the interest of fairness, they be permitted to file a single opposition brief of up to 49 pages. By combining their two oppositions into a single brief, the Appellees will reduce the overall number of briefs to be considered by the Court. Given the scope of the issues presented in Appellant's current brief, however, the Appellees believe that a brief of up to 49 pages might be necessary. The Appellees will, of course, make every effort to file as concise an opposition brief as possible.

*So advised
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We appreciate the Court's attention to this matter.

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